

Merry Lea Nature Preserve

County: Noble
Ownership: Goshen College

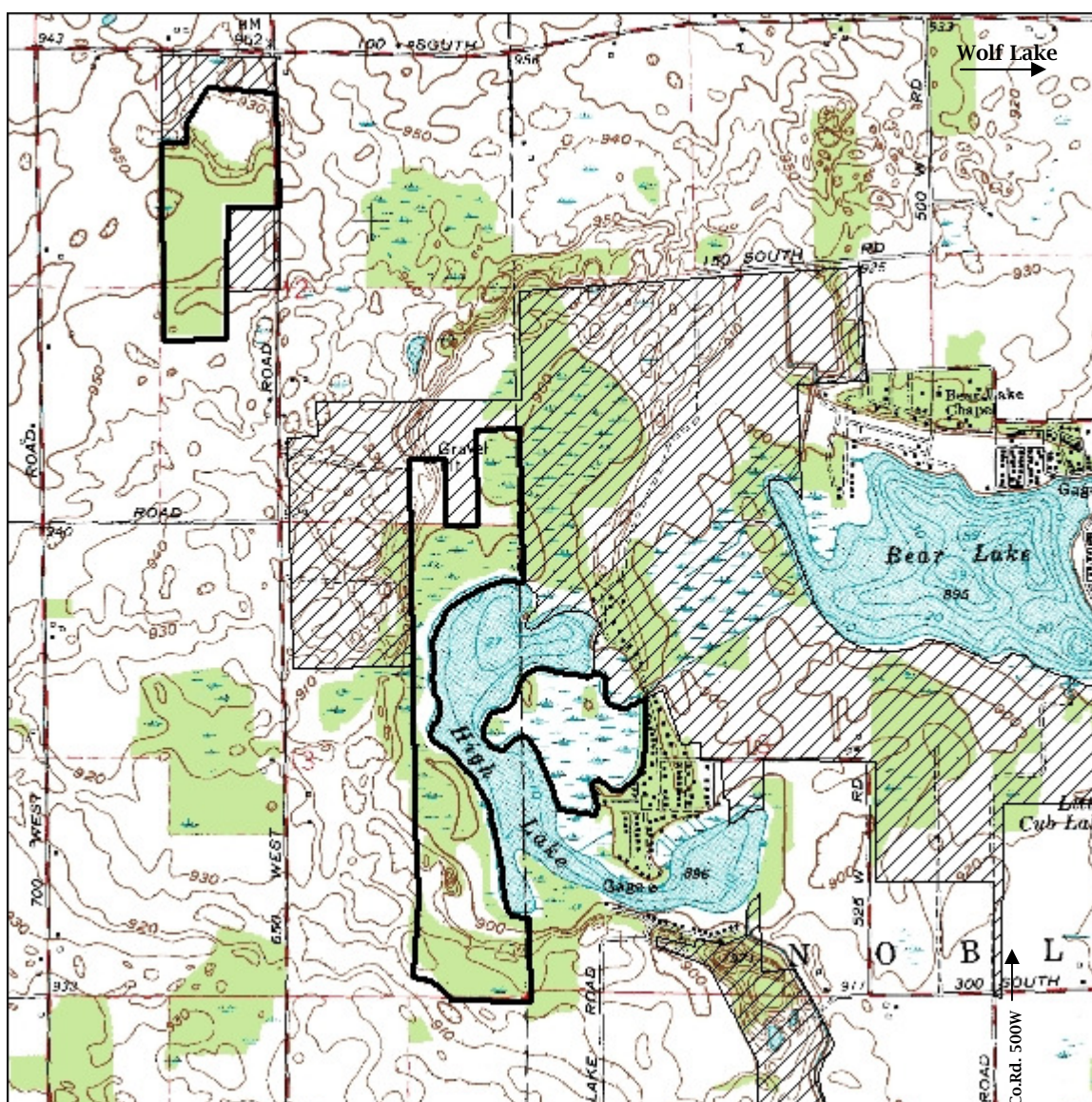
Size: 250 acres



Location and Access

Contact Merry Lea before visiting the preserve. Drive south from the village of Wolf Lake, located west of Chain O' Lakes State Park, on SR 109 for about 2 mi. Then head west on Co. Rd. 350S for 1 mi., and north on Co. Rd. 500W for 0.5 mi. to the Center's entrance. Check in at the nature center. This preserve is part of the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center (hatch pattern on map) of Goshen College.

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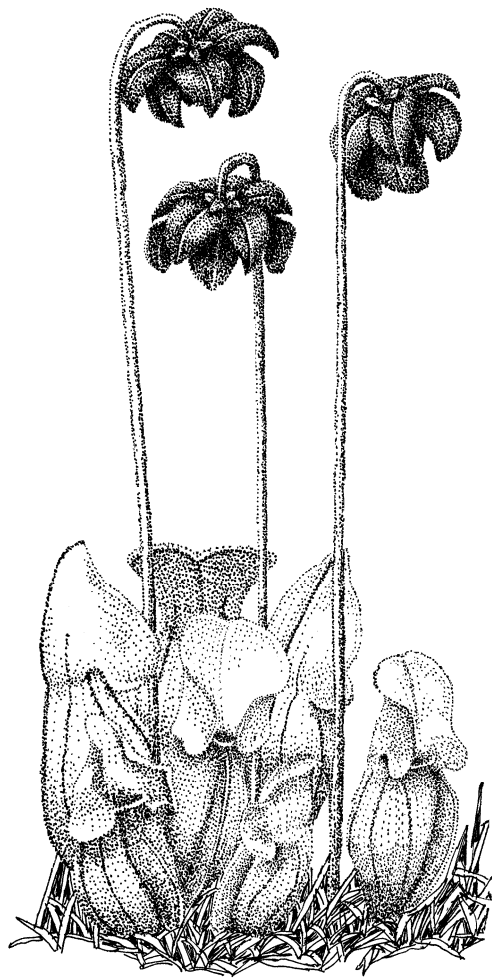
Description: Cattail marsh, red maple swamp forest, shrub swamp, peat bog, upland oak-hickory forest, interesting glacial features, and much of the shoreline of High Lake are included in the preserve. High Lake was carved out, and the high ground deposited, by the Wisconsin glacier. Part of an esker, a ridge formed by a glacial stream, extends into the preserve. The wide variety of soils is a notable feature of the preserve.

A short list of plants that can be found here are: Jack-in-the-pulpit, blue flag, wild bergamot, white water lily, pitcher plant; trembling aspen, paw paw, dogwood, pussy willow.

Animals include: common snapping turtle, green heron and marsh wren, red fox and muskrat.

Further Information:

Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, Box 263, Wolf Lake, IN 46796, (219) 799-5869.
www.goshen.edu/merrylea/



Pitcher plant